

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I was not present to vote on H. Res. 1099. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 415.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GREEN RIVER AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the City of Green River for the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Green River and the arrival of the Transcontinental Railroad.

The City of Green River, Sweetwater County Historical Museum, and the Green River Chamber of Commerce continue to proudly honor this great town's history and achievements, including Thomas Moran's famous "First Sketch in the West."

Additionally, the Transcontinental Railroad played a pivotal role in not only the development of Green River but Wyoming as a whole. On May 10, 1869, the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads were connected, creating the Transcontinental Railroad. The railroad brought great change to Wyoming and our nation alike. It opened new doors to economic opportunity, new trade markets, and even helped create the Wyoming Territory. In Governor John A. Campbell's inaugural address to the Wyoming Territorial Legislature, he said, "For the first time in the history of our country, the organization of a territorial government was rendered necessary by the building of a railroad." The Transcontinental Railroad was a historic achievement that continues to benefit the economy of our State to this day.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to the City of Green River for the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Green River and recognize the historic significance of the arrival of the Transcontinental Railroad in Wyoming.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of Taiwan and its ongoing relationship with the United States. Relations between our two countries were cemented with the passage of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 and have flourished for nearly 30 years.

Throughout the decades, Taiwan and the United States have continuously stood strong

together against a number of challenges, while maintaining a steadfast commitment to one another's mutual security and prosperity. This commitment was first enshrined in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (TRA) and was supplemented by the Six Assurances by President Ronald Reagan in 1982. The TRA and the Six Assurances form the foundation of America's unshakable relationship with Taiwan and today, I would like to express my personal and continuing support for these pillars of our strategic partnership.

Our ongoing commitment to cooperation also extends into the areas of trade and economics. In 2017, Taiwan was ranked as the 11th largest trading partner of the United States, the 11th largest U.S. export market and the 7th largest market for U.S. agricultural products. Taiwan has imported \$3.57 billion of food and agricultural products from the U.S. representing more than 28 percent of total imports of those products.

Taiwan also regularly sponsors trade missions to the United States in pursuit of agricultural products. Last year, these missions culminated in the signing of letters of intent to purchase approximately \$2.8 billion in U.S.-produced grains between 2018 and 2019. Similar missions are organized by the U.S. Commercial Service to assist U.S. companies in identifying opportunities in Taiwan. One such mission was recently organized in conjunction with the World Trade Center of Utah and led by Governor Gary Herbert to assist Utah-based companies, and other Western states, to network in Taiwan. I will continue to seek avenues where we can work together to further promote not only Utah-Taiwan relations, but U.S.-Taiwan relations in general. I hope my colleagues will join me in promoting this cooperation wherever possible.

Once again, I am proud to recognize Taiwan's National Day, and look forward to many years of friendly and prosperous relations between our two nations.

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HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 413, 414, and 415 on September 28, 2018, due to recent surgery. Had I been present, on roll call vote number 413, I would have voted YES; on roll call vote number 414, I would have voted NO; and on roll call vote number 415, I would have voted YES.

HONORING MRS. JANE BROWN,
M.ED.

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jane Brown M.Ed., Executive Director of Child Care Resources of Rockland (CCRR), as she celebrates her retirement at A Benefit for the Child Care Tuition Scholarship Program on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

Mrs. Brown has long been an educator, having taught a variety of age ranges, including school-aged, preschool, toddlers, and even infants, for more than 40 years. She has served as Executive Director since 2004 and in various other positions at CCRR for 13 years prior. Mrs. Brown also serves on several boards and advisory committees. She formerly served as the Co-President of the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children and President of the New York State Early Care and Learning Council. Mrs. Brown was recognized as a 2012 Woman of Distinction, Honoring Women in New York.

In addition to working hands-on with the children, Mrs. Brown has led professional development for numerous home-based staff and early childhood development centers. She worked with staff on developing stronger curriculums, interacting with children and families, enhancing the learning environment and helping teachers deal with the stress commonly experienced in the early childhood industry. Mrs. Brown has also taught courses at the B.A. and M.A. level and given local, statewide, and national presentations on early childhood education.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my fellow Members of Congress to join me in expressing thanks to Mrs. Brown for her 27 years of outstanding service, dedication, and passion to Child Care Services of Rockland and to the children and families of Rockland County and beyond.

CONGRATULATING JOHN HERNDON
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, as a former Naval aviator, I rise today to congratulate a Navy veteran and longtime federal employee, John Herndon, on his retirement.

John is retiring from his position as a FG-14 Program Manager in the Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration. He served a total of 37 years, four months, and seventeen days in the federal workforce. After serving in the Navy for 20 years, six months and six days and deploying worldwide in support of reconnaissance squadrons, John retired as Maintenance Chief. His work serving our country both in and out of uniform deserves our utmost respect and gratitude.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Mr. John Herndon. May he have fair winds and following seas in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELDERS MINI
MART

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elders Mini Mart as it closes after ninety-eight years of operation in Caruthers, California.

Founded in 1910 by Lon and Bertha Elder, Elders Mini Mart was originally established as